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## RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed July 28, 2005, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 12, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and amend claims 1 and 4, shown by underlining and/or the claims deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.